ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Seventh Annual Session

—OF THE—

Pine Barren Baptist Association.

—HELD WITH—

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH,

Fatama, Ala., September 16th and 17th, 1896.

OFFICERS:

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator_____Pine Apple, Ala.
J. G. REYNOLDS, Clerk_____Forest Home, Ala.
J. W. PURIFOY, Treasurer_____Furman, Ala.

The next session will be held with Pineville Baptist Church, Pineville, Monroe County, Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1897.

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CHAIRMEN STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—W. L. Cahall	Forest Home,	Alabama.
Home Missions—J. F. Burson	Fatama,	"
Foreign Missions—J. F. Lee	Allenton,	"
Sabbath Schools—O. J. Burson	Buena Vista,	"
Woman's Work—C. Hardy	Pine Apple,	"
Temperance—I. S. Ridgeway	Turkestan,	"
Ministerial Education—W. N. Huckabee	Pine Apple,	"
Denominational Educ'n—J. G. Reynolds,	Forest Home,	"
Denominational Literature—D. P. Watts	Caledonia,	"
Orphan's Home—F. M. Fletcher	Camden,	"

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. G. Reynolds, W. J. Melton. J. E. Knight,
Claude Hardy, H. L. Coleman.

MINUTES.

1. The Pine Barren Baptist Association assembled in its Forty-Seventh Annual Session with Enon Baptist church, Fatama, Wilcox county, Ala., Wednesday, Sept. 16th, 1896.

2. Bro. W. M. Blackwelder, the appointee, preached the denominational sermon from Mark 4:30, 31, 32.

3. Bro. A. P. Majors welcomed the association to Enon church. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Burr.

4. After an intermission of an hour and a half, representatives of the churches composing the association met in the church, and after singing and prayer by Bro. J. H. Riffe, the former moderator not being present, Bro. W. M. Blackwelder called the Association to order at the request of the clerk.

5. Brethren T. W. Palmer, J. H. Riffe and Claude Hardy were appointed a committee to read church letters.

Delegates' names were enrolled, as follows :

6. FIRST DISTRICT.

Ackerville—D. G. Skinner, F. Stuart, Edgar Stuart, and Walter Stuart.
Allenton—D. H. Adams, T. M. Perryman.
Bethsaida--W. M. Blackwelder, J. W. Purifoy, O'Neal Spear, Dr. J. F. Lee, Dabney Palmer.
Camden—W. F. Kelly, F. M. Fletcher, Thos. Bailey.
Fellowship—T. C. Shanks, J. W. Luckie.
Monterey—not represented.
Mt. Hope—not represented.
Pine Level- A. J. Kerkingdol.
Rock West—not represented.

7. SECOND DISTRICT.

Bear Creek—D. P. Watts, D. C. Sadler, J. M. Jones.
Butler Springs--A. W. Carter, H. E. Carter.
Enon—Geo. E. Miller, J. B. Tait, T. A. Cowart.
Forest Home—W. L. Cahall, J. G. Reynolds, Robt Hawkins, J. W. Mize.
Friendship—D. W. Ramsey, J. F. Fore, J. Ward, Claude Hardy, Calvin Powell, Claude Beard, G. B Fore, A. C. Ramsey, Sam. S. Stanford.
Gullett's Bluff—Robt. Sharp.
Mt. Pisgah—not represented.
New Providence—C. G. Newell, T. S. Packer.
Shackleville—By letter.

8. THIRD DISTRICT.

Bell's Landing—W. N. Huckabee, J. S. Reeves.
Bethel—Curtis Wiggins, J. Wheeler, S. E. Rainey.

Concord—P. C. Riley, J. W. Riley, sr., O. J. Burson.
Flat Creek—By letter.
Indian Springs—W. L. Fort, D. Youngblood, J. H. Fore.
Midway—M. T. McClammy, W. M. Snowden.
Mt. Pleasant—H. L. Coleman, J. W. Lizenby.
New Hope—W. R. Black, J. C. Fore.
Pineville—J. B. Harper.
Spring Hill—J. D. McKinley.

9. On motion, the following officers were re-elected, Bro. Dabney Palmer casting the ballot: D. W. Ramsey, Moderator; J. G. Reynolds, Clerk; J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer; W. M. Blackwelder, Moderator pro tem.

10. Visiting brethren enrolled, as follows:

J. B. Powell, Selma Association, Ala. Baptist, State Mission Journal.
B. D. Gray, Home Mission Board, Howard College.
W. M. Burr, State Mission Board.
J. H. Riffe, Bethlehem Association.
Alex. King, Bethlehem Association.
B. H. Crumpton, ——
T. W. Palmer, President State S. S. Convention.

11. Moderator announced the following committees, to report during the session:

Requests and Nominations—J. F. Fore, T. S. Packer, Oneal Spear.
State of Religion and Digest of Letters—W. N. Huckabee, T. C. Shanks, Claude Beard.
Apportionment—Dabney Palmer, O. J. Burson, Arthur Ramsey, J. F. Lee.
Finance—Claude Hardy, J. W. Luckie, O. J. Burson.
Religious Services—Pastor and Deacons of Enon Church.

12. Bro. J. W. Purifoy read his report as treasurer.
On Motion, referred to Finance Committee.

13. Bro. J. F. Lee read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee feels that they are due this Association an apology for not furnishing in this report a full statistical report of our Sunday Schools, but are delighted that we are warranted in reporting a renewed interest and better work in this department of our Master's vineyard. This information was obtained from the reports to the Inter-Denominational Sunday School Conventions in the counties composing our Association. Reports to these conventions show that Sunday Schools have been organized and reorganized, that the average attendance has been greater, and that the older members of the churches are becoming aroused to a sense of duty on this line, and that parents are not sending their children to Sunday School, but are taking them, which we think of superior importance to both parents and children. And here, we therefore recommend, that this Association, by a rising vote, declare that they believe it to be the duty of every professing believer in Christ to attend Sunday School, thereby

learning to wield the sword of the Spirit, their weapon of defense.

We recommend that every Sunday School in this Association join their county organization, believing that it will help to keep going and growing an abiding interest in the Sunday School work, and make more efficient our superintendents and teachers.

We also recommend that each Sunday School be under the immediate care, direction and control of the church and pastor, that it be officered and taught by consecrated men and women chosen by the church.

We further recommend that our Sunday Schools use the Sunday School series, published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., believing it to be as good as any other series, and it is our duty to patronize our own institutions. And as extra helps for superintendents and teachers, "Peloubet's Selected Notes," "The Evangel" and "The Sunday School Times."

We further recommend that after this report shall have been discussed, prayer be offered, asking God to help us bring the unsaved to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Master.

J. L. SKINNER, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Cahall, Palmer, Riffe, Crumpton, and adopted.

14. On motion, Ministerial Education and Denominational Education were made special order of business for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

15. Bro. W. N. Huckabee read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report.

We regard the subject of temperance as being the most important subject that is before the American people to-day; since it deals with the richest money trust in the world, and since the liquor traffic blights more homes, and through its channels sends more souls to an endless hell than all other agencies combined. A combination has been entered into by the distillers of the United States to close down the stills for the next eighteen months. This would seem a hopeful sign at first glance ; but when we remember the reason given for the close there is anything else than encouragement. Enough of the poisonous stuff is already on hand to keep up its ever increasing destruction ; long statistics show the drink bill of the United States last year to have been a trifle less than one billion dollars. We open our eyes in amazement, and look with holy horror at a congress which would appropriate a billion dollars in public buildings, pensions, &c., and sit and sing ourselves to sleep amid the cries of wrecked homes and destroyed manhood, brought about from this enormous evil. In San Francisco alone there was consumed last year over fourteen millions of gallons of beer.

When we contemplate New York, Chicago and New Orleans, together with the thousands of smaller cities, infected alike with this deadly Upas, but rejoice that we are living away from the center of this maelstrom of death. But shall we not sympathize and strike hands with those who are trying to free our beloved country from the clutches of this gigantic evil? We rejoice to see at the county seat of our county steps being taken to suppress the *blind tiger* there; and commend the course pursued by our Camden brethren, without dis-

tinction as to denominational affiliation to the consideration of our entire brotherhood. God bless them in their noble work.

When Christian people of all denominations will join hands against any candidate for office who is unfavorable to the prohibitory laws of our county, we will have gone very far towards dealing a death blow to this serpent of death in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,
W. N. Huckabee, Chairman.

16. On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, Sept. 17, 1896.

17. After devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, and prayer by Bro. W. L. Cahall, the Association was called to order.

18. Minutes of previous day's session read and approved.

19. Report on Temperance (15) was again taken up and discussed by brethren Huckabee, Crumpton and adopted.

20. Bro. A. P. Majors read the following

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

That the Baptists of this Association and those throughout the state are thoroughly alive to the vital importance of denominational education will not for one minute be denied even by the pessimist.

Too numerous are the halls of learning which stand to-day within the commonwealth of Alabama, erected by the indefatigable energy, the indomitable perseverance, and liberal contributions of zealous Baptists to permit even a shadow of doubt to rest upon this question. No denomination in Alabama can boast of better schools than the Baptist. Many, indeed, are the reasons why every Baptist should realize the full importance of a denominational education.

All the Baptist doctrines are founded upon the Bible. No Baptist is educated unless he be conversant with the doctrines of his church; and no where can these doctrines be so accurately learned as at denominational schools where the Bible is used as a text-book. In addition to these advantages, it is natural that the best of religious influences should exist at denominational schools. And certainly no parent who appreciates the responsibility which rests upon him can banish from his mind, for one second, that great and living truth, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

HOWARD COLLEGE.

As a suitable institution of learning, offering the advantages of a denominational education, we most heartily recommend Howard College, located at East Lake, Alabama.

Prof. A. D. Smith is the acting President of this institution, and he is assisted by an able and excellent corps of Professors. The buildings are commodious, comfortable, and in good condition. The location of the college is all that could be desired from the stand-point of

health, and the moral atmosphere which surrounds it is as good as can be found anywhere in the land.

We are informed that the strenuous efforts which have been made during the past year by Baptists throughout the state, and by the help of brethren of other denominations, the debt of the College has been greatly liquidated, and is in a fair way to be entirely extinguished. Baptists should not cease working until every debt of this noble institution has been paid, and until every obstacle in the way of its progress has been removed, that there may be no impediment to its onward march in the future.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To those desiring to study for the ministry, we recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Kentucky. It is said that the number of students in attendance upon the Seminary excels that of any other institution of the kind in the world. For the work it undertakes we do not believe it has a superior. Its reputation is such throughout the length and breadth of the land that words from us are useless.

JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

We cheerfully recommend the Judson Female Institute, located at Marion, Alabama, as undoubtedly the best Female College in the state at which to educate our daughters. The Baptists have a right to feel proud of this Institution, for it is certainly an honor to the state, as well as to the Baptist denomination.

There are other good schools worthy of honor, but for fear we tax your pages will close by saying: Let every one read the Alabama Baptist paper, and learn what Baptists are doing and what they want to do, for many need to know more of their denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS D. SMITH, Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. B. D. Gray, and pledges amounting to $562.00 secured.

21. The hour of preaching having arrived, the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m., and Bro. J. B. Powell, the appointee, preached the Missionary Sermon.

Collection was taken amounting to $21.00.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

22. The Association convened, as per adjournment, at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Harper.

23. Bro. J. B. Harper read the Report on Ministerial Education.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Ministerial Education is a subject which is now attracting the attention of all denominations, and should especially do so among Baptists. It is true that an education does not make the preacher, but it is one of the essential parts to him if he is ever able to rightly divide the word of truth and give to each their portion in due season, as is commanded by the Word of God. There are some of our best

men whose education is quite limited in the ministry, and they are doing a grand work, but they are not able to do what they would if their education was more thorough, and no one sees it more keenly than themselves. We are living in an age when every branch of science is advancing at a rapid pace, education among the common people is being cared for with more zeal than in former days, and as these things grow we see a wave of coldness, yea, even infidelity gradually coming upon us. To meet this obstacle and others that might be mentioned, we must have an educated ministry, and the facilities for the education of ministers were never better than now. Howard College is doing all it can in that direction, and is turning out a band of noble young men every year to preach the gospel. We know that some object to an educated ministry, and say that the preacher can do more good without any preparation, but Bishop Vincent says it is a big and fatal blunder to assume that for ignorant people we can get along with an ignorant ministry; that the nearer the pulpit is to the pew, the pastor to the parishioner, in matters of taste, habit and thought, the better for the church; that the more slovenly and rude the people composing the congregation, the less the demand for an order-loving, dignified and refined preacher. The opposite of all these propositions is true. Ignorant, coarse and careless people require a refined, cultivated ministry. The one who would lift up the people must himself be on the higher level. The more he knows, the more effectively and with the greater simplicity he ought to be able to teach and preach.

When a community is selecting a teacher in the common school, the patrons of that school want a good teacher, one that is able to instruct their children, and unless they get that kind of a teacher the children do not grow in the knowledge of their books like the ones under a better educated teacher. Christ chose twelve disciples, and they were his daily companions, under his constant instruction for three years. They were chosen to propagate his gospel, and before he intrusted this great duty to them he wanted them prepared for the work, and when he went to leave them he commanded them to go and teach all nations, and to obey this command they had to be educated.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. HARPER, Chairman.

Discussed jointly with Report on Denominational Education (20) by brethren Fletcher, Cahall, Gray, Burr, Moore, and adopted.

24. Bro. J. B. Powell made Report on State Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee finds on reviewing that at each session of this body various recommendations and appeals have been made in behalf of our State Mission work, yet there has been no material gain in the annual contributions of the churches. And this in face of the fact that the demand for money and workers enlarges every day. The workers are ready, so we would say it is not method or suggestions now, but money that is needed. We need the great Baptist brotherhood "to hold the ropes while a few go down into the pit," and if they fail they are anti-missionary in spirit, and have no claims to a place in the rank and file of God's conquering host.

Our State Board, composed of a few devoted and self-sacrificing

men, without remuneration save harsh and unjust criticism, in many instances meeting their own expenses to and from the meetings, have done all possible to carry out the suggestions of the Selma Convention. Complete success has not crowned their efforts, from the fact that our people have and now withhold the needed funds.

Our field and office secretaries are pushing the work committed to them. Reports are encouraging, and we hope this will be the best year of our history. As to Associational Missions, your committee would say be cautious. Remember "the strong must help the weak." And while you look after the destitution here, think that it extends beyond your own bounds, and it is your duty, with the Bible as your guide, to help meet that destitution. Let us consider the needs of the hour, come up to the measure of duty, and the blessings of God are ours.

Your committee would urge the Association to give at least the usual amount (in addition to your associational work) to reach the destitution in weaker associations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Powell, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Burr, Moore, Ramsey, Powell, and adopted.

25. Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. W. M. Blackwelder, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The importance of maintaining and enlarging the work of the Home Mission Board commends itself to all serious thinking people. A large percentage of Southern population is dependent upon Baptist sources and influence. The Home Board, for this reason, becomes a most important and potent factor in the Christianizing of the rapidly increasing populations in the South.

In a lecture delivered in Cincinnati some time ago Dr. J. M. King, of New York, said: "The redemption of the Republic, and the perpetuation of American Christian and political institutions, will ultimately come from and depend upon the population of the States south of Mason and Dixon's line." Should this prediction become true, great is our responsibility and vast our possibility in future developments of this work.

The success of the past is but an earnest of the future if we give the board the support the growing needs make upon us.

The report of the board, as last made, was most gratifying. The labors of its missionaries, numbering 411, have been attended with signal blessings from God, so that only once before, in all its history, has the board been able to report such results.

The baptisms during the last year were 5,617. The amount received for the year was $76,000.

Church Building.—This department of the board's work has been growing faster than the increase of funds. Many struggling churches, by small amount contributed from this fund, have been able to secure houses of worship and plant themselves permanently.

Indian Territory.—The approximate estimate of the population of all the Indian races is 350,000. There are laboring in connection with the board 64 missionaries. The number of churches in the Territory, 316.

Foreign Population.—The greater part of the foreign born of the

population of the South is found in Baltimore, Washington, Louisville, St. Louis, Kansas City, New Orleans. The board has sought, with the means at its disposal, to prosecute as far as possible the work in above named places. The work is for the most part among the Germans, and though they are slow in accepting the gospel, yet when they do embrace it they make efficient church members.

THE NEGROES.—The plan of work among the negroes is prosecuted by the joint action of four bodies—the Home Mission Board of New York, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the State Conventions, both that of the whites and that of the negroes. Three district missionaries are appointed in States containing large population of negroes, and one general superintendent of missions. These are to give their whole time to the interest of their people in each State. They are to preach, aid pastorless churches in securing pastors, promote schools, aid young preachers, do everything which may promote peace, purity and efficiency of the churches. They are expected to be teachers of the pastors, and are for this purpose expected and required to hold at convenient places ministers' institutes as frequently as possible. In Alabama Rev. R. T. Pollard has been appointed General Missionary, and Rev. W. H. McAlpine and Rev. C. O. Boothe District Missionaries.

CUBA.—The mission work in Cuba has suffered seriously from the wars which continue to be waged and seem destined to utterly devastate the whole island. Our principal missionary, Bro. Diaz, with a number of others, has been forced to leave the island. The few that are left are doing all in their power to hold the work together. We hope for Cuba's freedom, and should such be the result, it seems such an opportunity would follow for the extension of our Baptist cause as has never before been presented in any one country.

OUR OWN PEOPLE.—It will be remembered that the greater part of the 411 missionaries of the board are laboring in the destitute fields among our own Southern people. They are among the pastors serving weak churches, whose salaries the board supplements, and among the missionaries bringing the word of life to those who seldom hear the gospel message. Surely this work should meet our hearty response—a work looking to the redemption of this fair land of ours, and from this land to send forth the gospel's glad tidings to the remotest nations of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. BLACKWELDER, Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. B. D. Gray, and adopted.

26. Bro. J. F. Fore read Report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee offer the following report on Foreign Missions:

JAPAN.—In Japan we have six missionaries, one more than we had last year. We are weak in Japan—three baptisms last year, 150 members of Sunday-school, one native ordained preacher, and three unordained helpers. This little band of Christians contributed $20.00 during the past year for missions, and call for more laborers in that part of the Lord's vineyard.

CHINA.—We have in China 19 churches, 31 out stations, 41 missionaries, besides 7 native ordained preachers, and 37 unordained helpers. One hundred and fifty-five have been baptized during the

past year, giving us now a total membership of 1,266, and their contributions for the year were $2,090.35, showing a decided increase both in adding souls to the church of Christ and in their liberal contributions for the furtherance of his cause in that so-called heathen land. Brethren, when they cry out, "Come over and help us," if we can't go in person, we can give of our means in order to enable some suitable person to go and preach to them the gospel, that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.

AFRICA.—We have in Africa six churches, two more than we had last year. We have five out stations, six missionaries from our country, one native ordained preacher, and seven native unordained helpers. Last year fifty-one were baptized. The present membership is 247, and 150 in Sunday-school. Their contributions last year amounted to $457.40. For forty-six years we have been laboring with and for these people with but little success, but we have too much encouragement to give them up.

ITALY.—In this priest-ridden country, where our missionaries have so many great difficulties to overcome, such as the natives worshiping priests and looking to them for salvation, it behooves us as Christians to see to it that we send true messengers to these people to preach the gospel to them and teach them that there is a higher power to serve than the common priesthood. Brethren, pray that these benighted people may be enlightened to know that there is but one, and that is the true and living God, to whom we all must look for salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and not to popes and priests. We now have 430 Baptists in this country, of whom 79 have been baptized during the past year.

BRAZIL.—In Brazil the rage of the priests who have burned all the Bibles they could procure, and caused the people to mourn, yet the good work has greatly prospered in this country. The Baptist press has sent forth over 3,100,000 pages of literature to these people, which has caused public opinion to turn from popeism and priest dictating, and learned from reading these religious tracts that there is a Supreme being above who will judge both priest and people alike at the judgment bar of God for their stewardship while on this earth. In this country during the past year 273 have professed faith and have been baptized, our church membership now amounting to 1,277.

MEXICO.—In Mexico our churches number 37 with a membership of 1,035, of whom 177 have followed Christ in baptism during the past year. We would urge more earnest prayer for the power of the Holy Spirit to guide these self-sacrificing toilers for the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FORE,
W. J. MELTON,
E. C. COMPTON,
Committee.

Discussed by brethren Fore, Burr and Gray. Adopted.

27. Chairman of Committee on Woman's Work being absent, the report was read by the Clerk.

WOMAN'S WORK.

From its beginning this work of woman for woman has steadily increased beyond the expectation of the most hopeful. They have, during the nine years since their organization,—auxiliary to S. B. C.—paid for Home and Foreign missions the grand total of $378,580.53.

Our State, during her six and one-half years membership of this organization, has paid to the two mentioned missions $17,699.90. For the year ending June 20, 1896, she contributed to Foreign Missions $1,200.16, Home Missions $1,926.36, State Missions $867.44, Church Aid $2,846.27; total, $6,840.23, which shows a marked increase and grand success for the faithful few. This is the fifth annual report to our Association; and while the women have done a great work, and are our best collectors, this work is not so efficient in those Associations which have no organized missionary societies. Hence, they do not receive credit for what they have done. The lack of abiding interest among our churches in Woman's Work, and the missionary enterprise in general, arises mainly from want of information. While much is accomplished by such missionary literature as "Historical Sketches of Missions," "The Mission Journal," "Kind Words," and our "Young People's Leader," much more can be done by the aid of our pastors, by face-to-face and heart-to-heart work in this great movement; and when explained, all will be led to understand and appreciate the fact that a "Woman's Missionary Society" is not a side issue nor innovation, but is a part and pride of church work, carrying with it all the importance and dignity of the church. This is simply an advancement by which every woman—it matters not how humble and obscure—may be helpful in carrying out the great commission, "Go ye into all the world."

Discussed by Bro. B. D. Gray, and adopted.

28. Bro. S. Moore offered the following

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee on Orphanage would report to this Association that since it has been in existence the Home has been paid for and some other improvements have been made and there is no encumbrance on it; but we are informed by Bro. Stewart, who has charge of the Home, that other improvements are very much needed to make the Home more comfortable, and as the Associations are being held throughout the State, he requests them to aid him with the necessary means that the improvements may be made. Brethren, will not the Pine Barren Association do its part? Since the Home has been located there have been received twenty-nine boys and thirty-one girls, and out of that number ten of the boys and twelve of the girls have been adopted into good families, and two boys apprenticed. The girls are not apprenticed, and only in exceptional cases are the boys. The children attend the Agricultural school, and most of them are doing well. They all attend Sabbath-school and church, and are under firm, though loving control in the Orphanage. Eight have been baptized. They are having applications to take more children, but for the lack of room cannot take them.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Moore,
J. T. Moncrief,
W. B. Taylor,
Committee.

Adopted.

29. Report on Denominational Literature, read by the clerk, as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your committee feels incompetent to do the subject before us justice; there have been some very able reports made before this body on Denominational Literature. But we know that thorough Baptist principles cannot be taught or urged upon our people too strong; therefore we would recommend the literature published by the American Baptist Publishing Society, for our Sunday Schools.

We would, also, recommend the Sunday School literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend the use of the Teacher's Bible in our Sunday Schools, it being a very great help to our teachers in explaining the lessons. We would recommend the Alabama Baptist in connection with Kind Words and the State Mission Journal, which all have very able editors and contributors, and are thoroughly Baptistic in all their teachings; but above all others, we would recommend reading and study of the Bible. Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me.

But, brethren of this Association, this is all good literature, but the great problem for us to solve is the best plan to get this literature in the homes of all our people. Would to God we could suggest a plan by which Baptist literature could be disseminated thoroughly amongst our people of this Association, and also the State. We cannot suggest a better plan than that set forth by the Alabama Baptist, therefore we ask this body to consider the plan, and if it thinks it a good one, urge it upon our pastors and people, and that is, to make a colporteur of every pastor in the State; they could do some colportage work every week, going and coming from their appointments, thereby disseminate Baptist literature amongst their people that would never otherwise be strewn out

Respectfully submitted,
ENOCH BURSON,
E. J. BAILEY, sr.
W. M. HIGDON.

Discussed by Bro. J. B. Powell, and adopted.

30. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at the next session:

State Missions—W. L. Cahall, W. H. Watt, J. J. Garrett.
Home Missions—J. F. Burson, J. J. E. Watson, T. L. Cowart.
Foreign Missions—J. F. Lee, D. H. Adams, J. W. Purifoy.
Sabbath Schools—O. J. Burson, J. W. Riley, J. J. Finklea.
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Denominational Education.—J. G. Reynolds. J. E. Knight, W. J. Melton.
Denominational Literature.—D. P. Watts, D. C. Saddler, J. M. Jones.
Orphanage—F. M. Fletcher, E. J. Bailey, sr., J. W. Kelley.

31. The clerk read the following:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Pine Barren Association:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to report, that, in obedience

to instructions authorized by the last meeting of this body:

I. All notes held by beneficiaries have been canceled.

II. The balance of permanent fund in the hands of the Treasurer was turned over to Bro. P. J. Cree. We are glad to report, also, that a liberal contribution was made by several of the churches to the family of Bro. Cree, which will appear in the letters of the churches.

III. At your last meeting, your Executive Committee was authorized to take steps toward creating a permanent fund for our aged and infirm ministers. We recommend that each church be asked to set aside a portion of their appertionment for this purpose.

IV. We made earnest efforts to hold Fifth-Sunday meetings; but succeeded in holding but two—at Bell's Landing church, in September, and at Pine Apple church in December. These meetings were good, and we recommend that they be continued, and earnestly request that the churches give the committee better co-operation in the future.

V. The committee made strenuous and diligent effort to employ an Associational Missionary for half of his time. Two brethren were selected and accepted the position, but for reasons best known to themselves they afterwards declined. After these disappointments, the year had so far advanced that your committee did not deem it wise to employ another man. We earnestly recommend that your committee, for another year, continue to make every effort to have this done; and that the churches be asked to set aside as much of their apportionment as they will for this amount.

VI. Bro. J. B. Powell, a member of this committee, having moved from the bounds of the Association during the year, Bro. Claude Hardy was selected to fill the vacancy.

Discussed by brethren Ramsey, Blackwelder, Burr, Powell, and adopted.

32. The following report of the Committee on Apportionment was read by Bro. J. F. Lee:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

	General purposes.	Orphanage.
Ackerville	$ 25 00	$ 5 00
Alleuton	25 00	5 00
Bear Creek	10 00	5 00
Bell's Landing	10 00	4 00
Bethel	12 00	2 00
Bethsaida	125 00	20 00
Butler Springs	10 00	2 00
Camden	30 00	10 00
Concord	50 00	15 00
Enon	25 00	5 00
Forest Home	60 00	25 00
Fellowship	30 00	20 00
Flat Creek	10 00	2 00
Friendship	100 00	15 00
Gullett's Bluff	10 00	2 00
Indian Springs	15 00	5 00
Midway	12 00	5 00
Monterey	10 00	2 00

Mount Hope	5 00	2 00
Mt. Pisgah	10 00	2 50
Mt. Pleasant	20 00	3 00
New Hope	10 00	2 50
New Providence	5 00	2 00
Pine Level	8 00	2 00
Pineville	20 00	5 00
Rockwest	30 00	5 00
Shackleville	10 00	2 00
Spring Hill	10 00	2 00

Respectfully submitted,

DABNEY PALMER,
O. J. BURSON,
A. C. RAMSEY,
J. F. LEE,
Committee.

Adopted.

33. The report of committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters (42), was read by Bro. W. N. Huckabee, as follows:

We, your committee, find on examination of the letters one from sister McCrary, of Flat Creek church, asking the Association to recognize that church, and would recommend that the Association take steps to supply the church with preaching as often as practicable.

W. N. HUCKABEE.
T. C. SHANKS.
CLAUDE BEARD.

Adopted.

34. On motion of Bro. W. M. Blackwelder, the Financial Report was left in the hands of the Finance Committee and clerk for completion.

35. The Treasurer was authorized to turn over the missionary collection (21) to the State Mission Board.

36. Bro. J. F. Fore made the following report for the Committee on Nominations:

We recommend that this Association hold its next annual session with Pineville church, Pineville, Monroe county, Ala., to convene Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in September, 1897, and to continne in session until the business of the Association is completed.

We recommend as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. D. W. Ramsey; alternate, Bro. W. N. Huckabee.

We recommend as Executive Board: J. G. Reynolds, Claude Hardy, J. E. Knight, H. L. Coleman.

We also recommend Bro. W. L. Cahall to preach the next Annual Sermon; Bro. A. P. Majors, as alternate.

We also recommend Bro. B. H. Crumpton to preach a Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, Thursday. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FORE,
T. S. PACKER,
O. J. SPEIR.

Report was adopted.

37. Bro. W. M. Blackwelder offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to this church and community for the kind and Christian courtesy and hospitality that have been extended to us during the past few days; in return for which we pray the Lord to bless them temporally and spiritually.

38. The Association united in singing a hymn and taking the parting hand. Prayer by Bro. B. D. Gray.

39. Adjourned to meet with Pineville church, Monroe county, Ala., Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1897.

J. G. REYNOLDS, Clerk. D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Pine Barren Association:

I beg leave to submit my Annual Report:

J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer,

1895.	In account with Pine Barren Association,	Dr.
Sept. 14.	To cash from Finance Committee, for Minutes	$ 35 15
	cash from Finance Committee for State Missions	95 61
	" " " " " Home "	33 10
	" " " " " Foreign "	50 45
	" " " " " Orphan's Home	28 80
	" " " " " Bible & Colpor.	1 00
	" " " " " A.B.P. Society.	50
	" " " " " Ministerial Ed.	11 20
	" in hand of Treasurer of Permanent M. Ed.	10 25
	" " " " Special Minis. Ed.	13 65
	" collection for Orphan's Home	102 25
	Total cash	$387 96
	To total amount of vouchers in hand of Treasurer.	665 90
	Total amount of cash and vouchers	$1053 86

1895.	Credit.	
Sept. 13	By cash paid J G Reynolds, clerk, for Minutes V. 1	$ 35 15
17	" " W B Crumpton for State Miss. V. 2	95 61
17	" " " " Home " V. 3	33 10
17	" " " " Foreign Mis. V. 4	56 45
17	" " " " Minist'l Ed. V. 5	11 20
17	" " " " Bible & Col. V. 6	1 00
17	" " " " A. B. P. Soc. V. 7	50
21	" " J. W. Stewart, for Orph. Home, V. 8	28 80
29	" " P. J. Cree, of perm. Min. fund, V. 9	10 25
Oct. 10	" " P. J. Cree, of special Min. fund, V. 10.	13 65
Jan. 31	" " J. W. Stewart for Orph. Home, V. 11	102 25
	By total amount of vouchers in hand	665 90
	Total amount of vouchers and cash	$1,053 86

The notes of beneficiaries of the Permanent Ministerial Educational Fund were all disposed of at the last session of this Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. PURIFOY,
Treas. of Pine Barren Association.

40. ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

D. W. Ramsey,	Pine Apple,	Alabama.
W. L. Cahall,	Forest Home,	"
A. P. Majors	Chestnut,	"
W. N. Huckabee	Pine Apple,	"
S. Moore	Butler Springs.	"
I. S. Ridgeway.	Turkestan,	"
W. L. Fort	Turkestan,	"

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1896.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.									EDUCATION.				BENEVOLENCE.				Minutes.	HOME EXPENSES.			Total.	Value of Property.
	STATE.		HOME.		FOREIGN		Ch. build'ngs not at home: Greensboro.	Bible and Colportage.		Ministerial		College Buildings. (Howard.)		Indigent Ministers.		Orphan's Home.			Pastor's Salary.	Preaching, Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Sunday-schools.		
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.						
Ackerville	$	$ 7 50	$	$ 6 50	$	$	$ 4 00	$		$	$ 2 10	$	$	$ 8 90	$ 4 00	$10 00	$	$ 1 50	$ 200 00	$ 14 00	$ 8 50	$ 267 00	$ 750 00
Allenton	3 35	6 42	4 00			6 00							15 00		5 25	1 15	5 00	1 50	100 00	28 00	10 00	185 67	1000 00
Bear Creek	2 90		2 50			5 45										2 50		1 00				14 35	350 00
Bell's Landing			2 00								2 65				6 75	2 15		50			3 25	17 30	1000 00
Bethel																		50	50 00			50 50	200 00
Bethsaida		26 60		2 00	7 65	2 00	48 00				10 00		67 30		10 50		22 50	3 50	500 00	93 55	40 00	833 60	2000 00
Butler Springs	4 81	5 19														2 00		1 00	150 00	82 80		245 80	500 00
Camden		3 85		5 15		5 82	8 00				2 00					2 85	7 15		250 00			284 82	3000 00
Concord	12 00		8 36		8 40					10 20		4 85			5 00	8 00		1 50	75 00	1 30	6 00	140 61	500 00
Enon	65	2 00				5 00									6 00	2 00		1 10	85 00	120 00	2 00	223 75	1000 00
Forest Home		17 20	2 50		10 00		15 00						8 00		10 00		22 00	1 50	200 00	18 00		304 20	800 00
Fellowship	10 00	6 60	10 00		5 00											5 00		1 35	150 00			187 95	400 00
Flat Creek	1 00																	25				1 25	
Friendship		21 30		10 00		11 70	20 00				20 11				25 25		15 30	3 00	376 52	249 17	39 29	794 64	1500 00
Gullett's Bluff																		55				55	250 00
Indian Springs	1 00	4 00	1 75												1 75			50			2 30	11 30	600 00
Midway	1 00		1 00		1 00										3 00			50		110 00	5 00	121 50	1000 00
Monterey																							
Mt. Hope																							
Mt Pisgah										1 50					1 60	1 50		00		125 00	1 00	131 20	425 00
Mt. Pleasant															1 10	2 50		1 25	75 00	4 90	1 75	95 40	600 00
New Hope				2 12	3 78										6 50			1 63				19 50	
New Providence	2 55		4 41							4 41						1 25		75				2 00	300 00
Pine Level															5 00	2 00		1 00	150 00	10 00		204 45	1000 00
Pineville		3 35	2 60		2 60			1 00		1 00			25 90										
Rock West																75		75				2 50	200 00
Shackleville					1 00													1 15	66 00	4 00		76 15	200 00
Spring Hill					5 00													1 75				22 75	
Collections at Asso.	21 00																						
Total	$60 26	104 01	$39 12	$25 77	$44 33	$38 97	$ 95 00	$ 1 00		$17 11	$ 6 86	$ 4 85	116 20	$ 8 90	$94 70	$43 65	$71 95	$28 63	$2427 52	$ 860 72	$ 119 09	$1238 74	

Ladies's Aid Society of Bethsaida church contributed to State Missions (voucher) $6.00; for Purifoy (voucher) $7.35; Orphan's Home (voucher) $17.50. Ladies' Aid Society of Friendship church contributed to Foreign Missions (voucher) $10 02; Greensboro church (voucher) $2.00; Orphan's Home (voucher) $14.44; Indigent Ministers (voucher) $1.00; the poor (voucher) $1.00; Howard College (voucher) $5.00; church repairs at home (voucher) $27.70.

STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION—1896.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Membership last Reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership.	Sunday School officers & teachers	Sunday School Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.						
Ackerville	Wilcox	W. M. Blackweld'r	W. Y. Thigpen	Ackerville	119	2				7			2	112	11	60	2	Yes	No
Allenton	"	D. W. Ramsey	W. M. Fitzgerald	Allenton	49	2	3			3				51	7	50	4	No	Yes
Bear Creek	"	D. W. Ramsey	D. P. Watts	Caledonia	8	5	4	1		2	4	2	2	83	4	17	2	"	"
Bell's Landing	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	O. H. Spencer	Sallie	22								1	2	7	23	4	"	No
Bethel	"	I. S. Ridgeway	H. L. Whissenhant	Lockville	121		1		1	26	5	43	3	96			4	"	Yes
Bethsaida	Wilcox	W. M. Blackweld'r	W. M. Purifoy	Snow Hill	190	5	1			5				191	14	92	1&3	Yes	"
Butler Springs	Butler	W. M. Rabb	H. T. Seale	Butler Springs	31	21	6							58	7	35	3	"	"
Camden	Wilcox	I. A. White	J. P. Fairley	Camden	92	5	1			6			2	88	11	60	3	No	No
Concord	Monroe	J. H. Riffe	J. J. Finklea	Buena Vista	129					8			1	120	8	45	4	Yes	"
Enon	Wilcox	A. P. Majors	E. Burson	Fatama	96		2			5	4	5		84	3	35	4	"	"
Forest Home	Butler	W. L. Cahall	W. H. Watt	Forest Home	102	3	4		2	8			3	100	6	42	2	No	"
Fellowship	Wilcox	W. L. Cahall	J. E. Knight	Monterey	64		2							66	4	35	1&3	"	Yes
Flat Creek	Monroe				5									5					
Friendship	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	H. E. Melton	Pine Apple	217	27	12		3	10			2	247	12	107	1&3	Yes	Yes
Gullett's Bluff	"		C. C. Sellers	Gullett's Bluff	42									42					
Indian Springs	Monroe	A. P. Majors	J. E. Fore	Riley	77	1				1			2	75	5	30	3	No	No
Midway	"	W. N. Huckabee	J. C. Anthony	Activity	116	5	4			2			2	121	5	25	1	Yes	"
Monterey	Butler	W. L. Cahall	T. E. Knight	Monterey	25									25			3		
Mt. Pisgah	"		J. T. Dean	Georgiana	70									70					
Mt. Pleasant	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	W. E. K. Ryan	Pine Apple	95	25	3	4	7	3			1	130	7	35	2	Yes	Yes
New Hope	"	A. P. Majors	H. O'Gwynn	Natchez	75	1				1				75	4	55	2	"	No
New Providence	Wilcox	W. N. Huckabee	T. S. Packer	Coy	25	3							1	27			4	No	"
Pine Level	Butler	W. H. Joiner	W. B. Taylor	Greenville	23	5	1		2	2				29			3	"	Yes
Pineville	Monroe	B. H. Crumpton	Wm. Ivey	Fork	71	3	5			1		1	1	76	6	81	1	"	No
Rock West	Wilcox		J. E. Gullett	Rock West	44									44			3		
Shackleville	Butler	E. L. Hughes	J. J. Fail	Shackleville	43									43					
Spring Hill	Monroe	I. S. Ridgeway	D. A. Massey	River Ridge	43	3					1			45	5	37	1	No	No
Total					2069	114	49	5	15	90	14	51	23	2074	126	864			

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.—Ackerville church—C. T. Little, Ackerville; Allenton—J. M. Walthall, Allenton; Bear Creek, D. J. Philpot, Caledonia; Bell's Landing—O. H. Spencer, Sallie; Bethsaida, J. L. Skinner, Furman; Butler Springs—H. E. Carter, Pine Flat; Camden—G. G. Spurlin, Camden; Concord—M. V. Middleton, Buena Vista; Enon—T. D. Majors, Chestnut; Forest Home—J. G. Reynolds, Forest Home; Fellowship—T. C. Shanks, Monterey; Friendship—H. E. Melton, Pine Apple; Indian Springs—C. L. Grimes, Turkestan; Midway—J. S. Brooks, Activity; Mt. Pleasant—H. N. Lawrence, Pine Apple, New Hope—W. M. Davidson, Natchez; Pineville—J. B. Harper, Pineville; Spring Hill—W. A. Griffin, River Ridge.

APPOINTEES.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention--Rev. D. W. Ramsey; alternate, Rev. W. N. Huckabee.

To preach Annual Sermon next Session—Rev. W. L. Cahall; alternate, Rev. A. P. Majors

To preach Missionary Sermon (11 o'clock Thursday)—Rev. B. H. Crumpton, D. D.